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TO AMEMBASSY TEHRAN

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SUBJECT: AGRICULTURE IMPROVEMENT TEAM

1. DR. QUENTIN WEST OF USDA/ERS HAS BROUGHT TO OUR ATTENTION THAT, ALTHOUGH HE HAD THOUGHT SEPTEMBER VISIT TO TEHRAN BY HIM AND STANLEY KRAUSE HAD SOLVED PROBLEM OF RELATIONS BETWEEN TEAM AND MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE, SUBSEQUENT EVENTS SUGGEST SOLUTION WAS SHORT-LIVED. SEPT. 19 LETTER TO KRAUSE FROM TEAM MEMBER EVERETT WARWICK INDICATES THAT, AT LEAST IN HIS CASE, DIRECT ACCESS TO APPROPRIATE DEPUTY MINISTER, WHICH SENIOR MINISTRY OFFICIALS HAD ACKNOWLEDGED DURING WEST/KRAUSE VISIT TO BE NECESSARY TO EFFICIENT FUNCTIONING OF TEAM, HAS AGAIN BEEN BLOCKED, APPARENTLY BY PROJECT MANAGER KOMAILYZADEH. DR. WEST IS GREATLY CONCERNED ABOUT THIS NEW EVIDENCE OF UNWILLINGNESS OR INABILITY OF MINISTRY TO ADJUST ITS PROCEDURES TO MAKE MOST EFFICIENT USE OF TEAM.

2. WE SHARE DR. WEST'S CONCERNS ABOUT THIS SITUATION, WHICH HAS UNFORTUNATE IMPLICATIONS FOR OTHER PROPOSED PROGRAMS OF REIMBURSABLE ADVISORY SERVICES TO GOI WHICH ARE NOW UNDER CONSIDERATION IN USG. WE BELIEVE IT IS TIME FOR SENIOR-LEVEL EMBASSY FOLLOW-UP TO AMBASSADOR HELMS JULY CALL ON MINISTER ROUHANI (TEHRAN 6214) TO REITERATE ITS
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STRONG INTEREST IN WORK OF TEAM AND TO POINT OUT NEED TO

PROVIDE IT WITH CONDITIONS IN WHICH IT CAN WORK EFFECTIVE-
LY. SUGGEST AS BACKGROUND EMBASSY REVIEW SEPT. 16 KRAUSE-
VINING MEMO AND DISCUSS SUBSEQUENT EVENTS, INCLUDING
THOSE DESCRIBED IN WARWICK-KRAUSE LETTER, WITH TEAM.
REQUEST EMBASSY APPROACH MINISTRY AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AND
REPORT ON RESULTS OF APPROACH. INGERSOLL

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